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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: WE HAVE NOW RAISED THE PROTEIN
ISSUE WITH FROMENT-MEURICE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
DISCUSSION COVERED MOST OF THE SAME POINTS IN OUR
DEMARCHES TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN TRADE
MINISTRIES. WHILE FROMENT-MEURICE DEFENDED FRENCH
THESES IN THIS MATTER, HE RECOGNIZED THAT IMPORTANT
U.S. INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE; EMPHASIZED THAT HE TOOK
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OUR DEMARCHE SERIOUSLY; AND ASSURED US THAT THE
FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD EXAMINE OUR ARGUMENTS
CAREFULLY. RECOMMENDATION: WE URGE THAT UNDER
SECRETARY COOPER REINFORCE OUR DEMARCHE BY RAISING THE
MATTER WITH FROMENT-MEURICE DURING THE LATTER'S
APRIL 10 VISIT TO WASHINGTON. FAILURE TO DO SO MIGHT
BE MISUNDERSTOOD. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MARCH 31 THE EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC MINISTER RAISED WITH FROMENT-MEURICE, THE QUAI'S DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, OUR SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S PROTEIN INDEPENDENCE POLICY. WE COVERED FULLY THE POINTS IN REFTEL A ALONG LINES OF OUR PRESENTATIONS TO AUBERGER AND DE MOREL (REFTEL B). WE ADDED THAT WE ALSO FOUND IT DISTURBING THAT THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY'S PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON THIS SUBJECT HAD MADE NO MENTION OF FRENCH OR EC INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. WE URGED THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT REVIEW ITS PROTEIN POLICY.

3. FROMENT-MEURICE BEGAN BY RECALLING THE "TRAUMATIC EFFECT" ON FRENCH AGRICULTURAL OPINION OF THE U.S. SOYBEAN EMBARGO IN THE EARLY 1970'S. FROMENT-MEURICE SAID THIS ACTION HAD LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION AND A STRONG FRENCH DESIRE TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED PROTEINS. HE DREW A PARALLEL WITH THE DESIRE OF THE U.S., FRANCE, AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO REDUCE THEIR DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED PETROLEUM. FROMENT-MEURICE SAID HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT U.S. FEARS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE TRADE OR TRADE POLICY CONSEQUENCES ARE PREMATURE SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO DEBATE SO FAR ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE COMMUNITY.

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4. ECONMIN RECALLED THAT U.S. EXPORTS OF SOYBEANS AND EQUIVALENT PRODUCTS TO THE COMMUNITY LAST YEAR EXCEEDED \$2.6 BILLION. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT FROMENT-

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MEURICE WOULD UNDERSTAND -- AND NOT CONSIDER IT EITHER PREMATURE OR SURPRISING -- THAT THE U.S. FELT OBLIGED TO REACT TO SPECIFIC WRITTEN PROPOSALS OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WHICH APPEAR TO THREATEN SUCH SIGNIFICANT U.S. INTERESTS. WE WERE CONVINCED THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD OBSERVE ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. WE WERE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE SERIOUS POLITICAL AND PUBLIC CONSEQUENCES OF FRENCH ADVOCACY OF SUCH MEASURES, AMONG OTHERS, AS A VARIABLE LEVY SYSTEM FOR SOYBEAN IMPORTS.

5. FROMENT-MEURICE CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION BY ASSURING US THAT HE TOOK OUR DEMARCHE SERIOUSLY AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE MAGNITUDE OF OUR INTEREST IN THE ISSUE. THE FACT THAT WE HAD APPROACHED TWO OTHER MINISTRIES UNDERSCORED THIS. HE SAID THAT OUR ARGUMENTS WOULD BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

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6. COMMENT: WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP HERE AS APPROPRIATE IN THE COMING WEEKS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DEMARCHES HAVE BEEN TIMELY IN THAT THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL BE AWARE OF OUR CONCERNS AT THE OUTSET. WE RECOMMEND THAT UNDER SECRETARY COOPER RAISE THIS SUBJECT BRIEFLY WITH FROMENT-MEURICE DURING THE LATTER'S APRIL 10 VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THIS WILL REINFORCE THE EFFECT OF THE EMBASSY'S APPROACHES AND, IF FROMENT-MEURICE IS INCLINED TO BE HELPFUL, WOULD STRENGTHEN HIS HAND IN DEALING WITH OTHER MINISTRIES. CONVERSELY, FAILURE TO RAISE IT COULD LEAVE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION REGARDING THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR CONCERN. END COMMENT.
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